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To 6: In consultation with IG and GC, please prepare appropriate response.

Executive Secretary

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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
U.S. Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Mr. Casey:

This is to inform you that we have requested assistance from your Department's Inspector General in following up on our recent report titled Use of Government Motor Vehicles For The Transportation Of Government Officials And The Relatives Of Government Officials (GAO/GGD-85-76, Sept. 16, 1985). A copy of the report is enclosed. The report contains preliminary conclusions, based on information provided to us by approximately 250 federal organizations, that some federal officials and relatives of officials were receiving unauthorized transportation in government vehicles.

Our report was prepared at the request of Chairman Brooks of the House Government Operations Committee. Because of the large number of organizations involved, the short time period allowed for responding to our survey, and apparent misinterpretation of the applicable law in some instances, we are seeking assistance from the Inspectors General and other internal review offices to follow up on our preliminary conclusions. If the Inspector General determines that unauthorized transportation was, in fact, provided, we are asking that action be taken to obtain reimbursement to the government. A copy of our letter to your Department's Inspector General is enclosed.

We would appreciate your support in our efforts to be responsive to the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Anderson

for

Milton J. Socolar
Special Assistant to the
Comptroller General

Enclosures



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Inspector General
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Dear

We need your assistance in following up on our recently issued report titled Use of Government Motor Vehicles For The Transportation Of Government Officials And The Relatives Of Government Officials (GAO/GGD-85-76, Sept. 16, 1985). This report (enc. I) was based on a governmentwide survey of federal officials' use of government vehicles for home-to-work transportation and use of government vehicles by federal officials' relatives for any purpose. Our survey was conducted at the request of Chairman Brooks of the House Government Operations Committee. Because the survey covered about 250 federal organizations, Chairman Brooks has now asked that we seek assistance from the Inspectors General and other internal review offices to follow up on our preliminary conclusions that some officials and relatives received unauthorized transportation.

Use of a government vehicle for home-to-work transportation is prohibited by 31 U.S.C. 1344, unless the individual fits one of the limited exceptions provided in that act or is exempted by one of a few laws related to specific agencies or specific agency officials. Appendix II, and related footnotes in our September 16, 1985, report will provide you with examples of various situations where use of a motor vehicle for home-to-work transportation was authorized and some situations where the use was not authorized. We are also enclosing a copy of a 1983 GAO legal opinion addressed to Chairman Brooks that definitively reviews the existing law (enc. II).

During April and May 1985, we sent letters to approximately 250 federal organizations asking whether, since January 1985, any officers or employees were permitted to use government vehicles to travel between their homes and places of employment and whether any relatives of officers or employees were permitted to use government vehicles to travel to any location. We asked each organization to identify the person receiving such transportation, the frequency of use of the vehicle, and the authority or justification relied upon for each such use.

Solely on the basis of the justifications provided by the federal organizations, we reached preliminary conclusions that

some officials and relatives of officials were receiving unauthorized transportation. (See app. II of the enclosed report.) However, our conclusions represented the preliminary views of our Office of General Counsel, based on its review of the information provided by the organizations. Thus, they were tentative in nature and not formal decisions of the Comptroller General. Further legal and factual review is necessary to allow formal decisions to be made.

In view of the above, we ask that you take the following steps to aid us in responding to the Committee.

- Assure that all officials' use of government vehicles for home-to-work transportation and relatives' use of motor vehicles for any purposes were identified and included in your organization's response to our survey request letter.
- Verify the accuracy of the justifications provided to us for those officials and relatives receiving transportation.
- Evaluate the legal and factual circumstances for (1) each use of a government vehicle that we tentatively concluded in our report was unauthorized and (2) any such usage that you identify as having been unreported in response to our survey request.
- Compute the amount of reimbursement due the government from each official and/or relative since January 1, 1985, if you determine that there was, in fact, unauthorized use of government vehicles.
- Initiate collection actions for any reimbursement due the government.

Our Office of General Counsel will assist you in reviewing the legality of the use of government vehicles in any cases where you believe such assistance is needed. For assistance in this regard please contact Mrs. Rollee H. Efros, Associate General Counsel, on 275-6263. Also, should you determine that unauthorized transportation has been provided, enclosure III outlines some of the factors which we believe should be considered in computing the amount due the government.

If you or your staff have questions concerning other than legal issues related to this request, please contact Mr. Hugh Pollon on 557-2964.

We ask that you report your initial findings to us within 30 days of the date of this letter and that you provide further reports every 30 days thereafter until all issues are resolved. Please address your reports as follows:

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We will greatly appreciate your assistance in following up
this matter for the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Anderson

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Milton J. Socolar
Special Assistant to the
Comptroller General

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